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ROCKETS 1968-69 SCHEDULES

Home Schedule

Wednesday, November 6	Indiana
Thursday, November 7	Dallas
Tuesday, November 12	Oakland
Thursday, November 14	Houston
Thursday, November 21	Oakland
Tuesday, December 3	New York
Thursday, December 5	Minnesota
*Sunday, December 8	Miami
Tuesday, December 10	Dallas
Friday, December 13	New Orleans
*Sunday, December 15	Los Angeles
Thursday, December 19	Kentucky
*Sunday, December 22	New Orleans
Saturday, December 28	Los Angeles
*Sunday, December 29	Dallas
Thursday, January 2	Houston
Saturday, January [illegible]	Dallas
*Sunday, January 12	Houston
Friday, January 17	Los Angeles
*Sunday, January 19	Dallas
Wednesday, January 22	New Yo
Friday, January 24	Los Ange
Wednesday, January 29	Indiana
Thursday, January 30	New York
Tuesday, February 4	Minnesota
Tuesday, February 11	Miami
Friday, February 14	Indiana
**Sunday, February 16	New Orleans
Tuesday, February 18	Oakland
**Sunday, February 23	Miami
Tuesday, February 25	New Orleans
**Sunday, March 2	New Orleans
Tuesday, March 4	Minnesota
Thursday, March 6	Kentucky
**Sunday, March 9	Los Angeles
**Sunday, March 16	Oakland
Friday, March 21	Houston
Saturday, March 29	Houston
Monday, March 31	Kentucky

Road Schedule

Tuesday, October 29	New York
Wednesday, October 30	Kentucky
Thursday, October 31	Indiana
Saturday, November 2	Oakland
Saturday, November 16	Dallas
Tuesday, November 19	Minnesota
Wednesday, November 20	Kentucky
Tuesday, November 26	Dallas
Wednesday, November 27	Houston
Friday, November 29	New Orleans
Saturday, November 30	Miami
Sunday, December 1	Houston
Wednesday, December 18	Houston
Saturday, December 21	Los Angeles
Wednesday, December 25	New York
Sunday, January 5	Minnesota
Wednesday, January 8	Los Angeles
Thursday, January 9	Oakland
Saturday, January 11	Oakland
Wednesday, January 15	New Orleans
Thursday, January 16	New Orleans
Saturday, January 25	Indiana
Sunday, January 26	Miami
Saturday, February 1	Oakland
Sunday, February 2	Oakland
Wednesday, February 5	Indiana
Friday, February 7	Minnesota
Saturday, February 8	New York
Wednesday, February 26	Houston
Thursday, February 27	Los Angeles
Saturday, March 8	Dallas
Wednesday, March 12	Los Angeles
Thursday, March 13	Los Angeles
Tuesday, March 18	Miami
Wednesday, March 19	Kentucky
Saturday, March 22	Dallas
Monday, March 24	Houston
Tuesday, March 25	New Orleans
Friday, March 28	Dallas

GAME TIME INFORMATION

All Home Games, Monday through Saturday, tipoff time is 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Games with one asterisk (*) begin at 7 p.m.
Sunday Games with double asterisks (**) begin at 3 p.m.

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DENVER ROCKETS 1968-69 BASKETBALL CLUB DIRECTORY

Chairman of the Board	J. W. (Bill) Ringsby
President	Donald W. Rir
Vice President and Secretary	Gary Ring[illegible]y
Vice President and Treasurer	Gail H. Crawford
Executive Vice President and General Manager	R. L. (Dick) Eicher
Coach	Robert E. (Bob) Bass
Business Manager	Del Klone
Public Relations, Publicity and Promotions Director	M. Thomas Murray
Marketing Director	Joseph E. Belmont
Trainer	Lloyd Williams
Member of the Board	Jack Ashton
Member of the Board	Larry Varnell
Member of the Board	Jack Grunwald
Secretary	Jean Oller
Team Physician	Dr. Dave Garland
Ticket Agency	Harry Fowler, Inc. (303) 255-7337
Ticket Prices	$4, $3 and $2 (All Seats Reserved)
Game Times	Monday-Saturday, 7 Sundays, 7 P.M. until February, then 3
Ambassador Girls	Sue Dawson, Peggy Kerin, Carol Lauby, Mary Claire Nugent and Mary Jean Schierburg
Home Arena	Denver City Auditorium Arena
Nickname	The Rockets
Colors	Orange, Black and White

DENVER CITY AUDITORIUM ARENA
Denver, Colo. 80202
13th and Champa Sts.
Phone: (303) 297-2511 (Ticket Office)
Capacity: 6,841

THE DENVER ROCKETS
3201 Ringsby Ct., Denver, Colo. 80216
(303) 255-0707 or (303) 222-5761

Bill Ringsby has always been a sportsman, so it really didn't come as a big shock to Denver basketball fans when he, along with his two sons, entered the local picture approximately 18 months ago when [illegible] initial investors seemed to lose their [illegible]usiasm for a Denver franchise. The [illegible]or Ringsby, chairman of the board of both the Rockets and the vast trucking system that bears his name, is a big game hunter, fisherman, golfer and flyer. But he has been a great cage fan since Denver became the "Capital of Amateur Basketball." His energetic drive and enthusiasm for his basketball club did not go unnoticed by his fellow ABA owners during the league's initial year. The hub of the Ringsby System is Denver, and with his selection as President of the American Basketball Assn. by his fellow trustees, the Mile High City is now the hub of the ABA.

J. W. (BILL) RINGSBY
Chairman of the Board

DONALD W. RINGSBY
President

Don, 29, Executive Vice President of the Ringsby System, has been President of the Rockets since the Ringsbys purchased controlling interest of the club in June, 1967. A [illegible]raduate of the University of Colo[illegible], where he played water polo, [illegible] loves all sports, especially basketball, flying, golf, volleyball, hunting and, of course, water polo. He and his wife, Karen, have two sons, Kurt and Gray.

GARY RINGSBY
Vice President and Secretary

Gary, 32, became the third member of the Ringsby triumvirate in sole ownership of the Denver ABA franchise when the family purchased the entire stock in the Denver club. A graduate of the University of Colorado, he is also a lover of all sports. Gary and his wife, Linda, and their two daughters, Trudi and Greta Sue, are currently living in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

As General Manager of the Denver Rockets of the American Basketball Association, 39-year-old Dick Eicher runs one of the top franchises in all of professional basketball.

A three-time all-conference selection at forward for Eastern Washington State College in Cheney, Wash., his love for the hardwood game brought him to Denver.

Eicher played eight years in the old National Industrial Basketball League (NIBL) for the Denver Bankers and the D-C Truckers. Twice he was named all-league, and in 1956 he was picked on the AAU All-American team.

After graduating with a BA degree in 1951, the 6-6 Eicher joined the Navy Air Corps. Eicher and his wife, Jerri, have three children, son David, and daughters Jadie and Lynn.

R. L. (DICK) EICHER
General Manager
and Executive Vice President

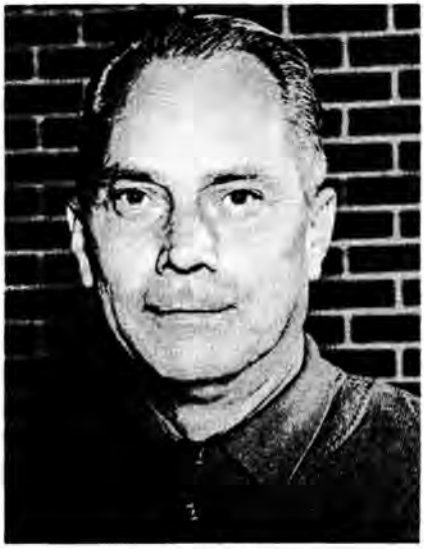
GAIL H. CRAWFORD
Vice President and
Treasurer

Gail Crawford, President of the Ringsby System, began his distinguished trucking career in 1934 in Fresno, Calif. He became associated with the Ringsby System in 1953, and he has since assumed an active role in guiding the multi-state trucking company to a leading position in the motor transport field. A recognized expert in the trucking industry, he has held almost every state and national office possible as befitting his ability. He and his wife, L Verne, are parents of three ma ried children — Richard, Sandra and Susan.

M. T. (TOM) MURRAY
Public Relations, Publicity and Promotion Director

A sports enthusiast without the talent to play, Murray long ago turned to the behind-the-scenes activities that surround the world of sport. A journalism graduate of the University of Denver, he has worked with every professional sport in Denver since 1950 in some capacity. He joined the Rockets a month after the franchise was granted as Publicity Director. He assumed additional duties when Dennis Murphy left the Denver organization in February, 1968, to join the Miami Floridians. Murray and his wife, Kathy, have four daughters, Tammy, Maureen, Sherry and Joleen.

Del Klone brings a vast background of basketball and business experience to the Rockets. For over eight years he directed the business activities of the D-C Truckers in the N.I.B.L. League. Klone served for over 15 years as Disbursements Manager for the D-C Trucking Co. He and his wife, Dorothy, have two 'dren, Ronnie and Rhonda. Del also has a son, Larry, a sergeant in the Marine Corps in California.



DEL KLONE
Business Manager

ROBERT E. (BOB) BASS

Head Coach

Robert Eugene (Bob) Bass, 39, was one of the most succ ful college basketball coaches in the history of the sport. During his 15 years as Head Coach and Athletic Director at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., Bass won 64% of all his games.

With more than a thousand colleges and universities in America playing basketball, Bass finished his collegiate coaching career as one of the 40 best college coaches of all time.

Coach Bass has seen his teams and individual players win all possible hardwood honors, including national titles. At the conclusion of the 1966-67 season, Bass was honored by the Basketball Writers Assn. (BWA) as their "Coach of the Year" — signifying him as the best in the business.

Having conquered the amateur basketball world, he successfully applied for the coaching job of the then-new Den Rockets of the fledgling American Basketball Assn. (ABA).

Bass was hired July 1, 1967, and he, his wife, Billie Pat, and sons Kelly and Kip, immediately moved to Denver to start the ball rolling for the Rockets.

What he accomplished is now history. His Rockets made a real run at the Western Division title, and won the hearts of Denver cage fans. The Rockets finished third, just three games from the top, and extended division-titlist New Orleans to five games in a brilliant display of playoff-basketball.

Bass continued his successful ways in the pro world as he upped his winning percentage to 73%, compiling a 45-33 mark in his first season in the pro wars.

And now it's the 1968-69 season, and Coach Bob Bass a his Rockets are off and winging, "Shooting for the Moon," as they say . . .

ROBERT E. (Bob) BASS
Head Coach

JOSEPH E. (JOE) BELMONT
Marketing Director

The newest member of the Rockets front c ? staff who will dev ? group sales, season ticket sales and help with advertising. A former D-C Trucker star guard, he was a standout ABA official prior to joining the Rockets. Belmont and his wife, Helen, are the parents of a boy and girl.

In June of last year, after spending seven years as the Head Trainer of the Colorado Buffs, Lloyd Williams accepted the position as Trainer of the Rockets. Williams is a 1958 graduate of Colorado University . . . was Co-Trainer for the U.S. Winter Olympic team at Innsbruck, Austria. He and his wife Pat have two children.

LLOYD (WILLIE) WILLIAMS
Trainer

JACK ASHTON
Board Member

Jack Ashton is a Life Member of "The Million Dollar Round Table Club" of the New York Life Insurance Company. He has been with NYLIC for over 20 years. Jack is the chairman of the Greater Denver Area Sports Committee and is credited with being the spearhead in bringing ABA basketball to Denver. He and his wife Ronnie have two children, both currently attending the University of Colorado.

Larry Varnell serves as Vice President and Public Relations Director of the Central Bank and Trust Company. He has a varied background in basketball, having been a player, head coach and now working as a referee in the Western Athletic Conference. Varnell just completed a successful campaign as President of the Metro Stadium, Inc. highly organized campaign is credited with keeping the Bronco football franchise in Denver. Larry and his wife Jeanne have four children and live in Denver.

LARRY VARNELL
Board Member

JACK GRUNWALD
Board Member

The dynamic and youthful President of Acme Delivery, Inc., of Denver, has headed the highly successful Rockets season ticket campaign the past two seasons. His committee of business and professional executives expects to top 1,000 season tickets for the 1968-69 season — the best record in the entire ABA.

ABA LEAGUE FACTS

GEORGE MIKAN
Commissioner

THURLO McCRADY
Ass't Commissioner

LEE MEADE
Publicity Director

There is no way to accurately measure the strides taken by the American Basketball Association since its conception early in 1967.

Considering the many obstacles and problems it confronted at the outset, many skeptics were surprised that the new league was even organized not to mention its commencement of play in the fall of 1967. Disbelievers were additionally amazed that the ABA was still in business at season's end.

Now, with a new look and a priceless year of experience under its belt, "The Lively League" is into the second season of its history.

As anticipated, 1967-68 wasn't all peaches and cream not to mention financially profitable; neither will 1968-69 be for the most part. However, many mistakes made during the first year aren't being repeated the second. Franchise shifts and a few adjustments in club administrations have overcome weaknesses and remedied deficiencies.

The ABA's major accomplishment thus far has been the establishing of an ima[illegible] There is no doubt that a new major league has made the scene, one that now both a history and a future. The red, white and blue basketball has become a . bol of the league and the three-point field goal a characteristic that has increased excitement.

Eleven teams are again playing a 429-game schedule, but they aren't exactly the same teams that competed last season. The Los Angeles Stars have replaced the Anaheim Amigos, the New Jersey Americans have moved to the other side of Manhattan to become the New York Nets, the Minnesota Muskies have gone South to Miami to become the Floridians and the Pipers, although still Pipers, are in Minneapolis-St. Paul where they are defending their championship under the name Minnesota Pipers.

The 11 teams, divided into divisions and listed in order of their 1967-68 finish, are:

WESTERN	EASTERN
New Orleans Buccaneers	Minnesota Pipers
Dallas Chaparrals	Miami Floridians
Denver Rockets	Indiana Pacers
Houston Mavericks	Kentucky Colonels
Los Angeles Stars	New York Nets
Oakland Oaks	

Adding to the new look this season is the presence of three new coaches. Alex Hannum, former coach of the NBA's San Francisco Warriors and Philadelphia 76ers, is guiding the resurgent Oakland Oaks. Former Boston Celtic star Bill Sharman, the coach of the San Francisco Warriors the last two seasons, is at the Los An[illegible] Stars' helm. Jim Harding, former coach at Loyola of New Orleans, is the Minnesota coach.

In addition, there are fresh new faces on the court, many of them exciting rookies who were in the collegiate limelight last season. Off-season trades have strengthened several clubs.

Yes, much to the dismay of the skeptics and to the delight of its thousands of fans, the ABA is indeed off the ground and here to stay.

DENVER ROCKETS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College
40	BECK, Byron	C-F	6-9	240	23	1	Denver University
14	CONGDON, Jeff	G	6-1	190	24	1	Brigham Young
22	HAMMOND, Julian	F	6-5	215	25	1	Tulsa University
54	HIGHTOWER, Wayne	F	6-9	205	28	7	Kansas University
32	JONES, Larry	G	6-3	180	26	4	Toledo University
24	McGILL, Bill	C	6-9	225	27	5	Utah University
34	PIATKOWSKI, Walt	F	6-8	235	23	R	Bowling Green State
44	ROGERS, Willie	G	6-3	195	23	R	Oklahoma University
30	WILBURN, Ken	F	6-7	195	23	1	Central (O.) State
42	WRIGHT, Lonnie	G	6-2	205	24	1	Colorado State Univ.

Pronunciation Guide: CONG-DUN and PIE-UH-TOUW-SKI.

Numerical Roster

14 Congdon
22 Hammond
24 McGill
30 Wilburn
32 Jones
34 Piatkowski
40 Beck
42 Wright
44 Rogers
54 Hightower

ALL-ABA Guard LARRY JONES

Launched Last Year...

ROCKETS ORBITING, 1968-69

The Denver Rockets fired off the launching pad Oct. 15, 1967, when they defeated the Anaheim Amigos, 110-105, in the first American Basketball Association game ever played in the Mile High City.

From that point, Bob Bass' cagers battled through a tough 78-game championship season to finish a strong third in the Western Division, one game back of Dallas and three behind Division Champion New Orleans.

Quickly recognizing the good, solid brand of basketball as played by the Rockets and the ABA, Denver and Colorado cage fans began flocking to the Denver Coliseum and City Auditorium Arena to view the action. Denver finished second to the Indiana Pacers in the attendance derby, although they were tops from January on, with an average of 4,128.

Guard Larry Jones, the 6-3 former Toledo University All-American (1964) was selected to play in the First Annual ABA All-Star contest early last January, and the talented backcourt star performed just as his knowledgeable fans knew he would. All he did as a starter was to play 28 minutes (second to New Orleans' Doug Moe's 29), tally 14 points (third behind Moe and MVP Larry Brown, each with 17), and haul down a team high 13 rebounds (the only player from the West to be in double figures in this important department.)

The Basketball Writers Assn. of America further honored Larry by naming him as one of the five ABA All-Stars, an honor richly deserved by the young man who led the Rockets in almost every statistical department.

Needless to say, Jones has returned for his second season with the Rockets, and Bass expected to base a major portion of his attack around him. Returning with Larry are of last season's 11-man roster – forwards Wayne Hightower and Julie Hammond, forward-center Byron Beck, and guards Lonnie Wright and Jeff Congdon, both mid-season replacements.

The four newcomers on the 1968-69 squad of 10 are a pair of rookie draft choices, a free agent and a young giant acquired in a pre-season trade.

The trade acquisition is seven-foot Larry Bunce, former Utah State star and a fine shot-blocker who always played well against Denver and who last year passed up his final college varsity year to play for the Anaheim Amigos.

The free agent is Bill (The Hill) McGill, a 6-9 center who was perhaps the finest cager ever to play at Utah University. McGill was a high school All-American and a unanimous All-American choice as a senior at Utah when he led the nation in scoring with a 38.8 points per game average and a solid 15 rebounds per game. He has a soft, unstoppable jump-hook shot, and his early season play has given Bass the opportunity of trying Beck at forward. If the move proves successful, the Rockets will be even tougher than ever.

Big Walt Piatkowski, a fine shooting forward, and Willie Rogers, a college forward who is making the conversion to the backcourt, are the two prized rookies. Piatkowski, 6-8, 235, from Bowling Green State University, has perhaps the best "eye" on the club, and is considered an outstanding prospect by Bass. Rogers, 6-3, was a three-year starter for Oklahoma University of the Big Eight, and once he gets the hang of the new position, he is expected to fit into the Rockets program nicely.

A lot of people said that the ABA would never get off the ground. Others said that even they did start the season, they'd never finish what they started. Never, in the history of sports, have so many been so wrong, as all 11 original members finished the season and playoffs on the same strong note upon which they started. Now, it's the second season. In their initial year, the Rockets finished third in regular season play, and lost the first playoff round to the Bucs, three games to two. This season the Rocket machine that was launched so successfully more than a year ago, is seeking a new orbit. . . .

BYRON BECK
Forward-Center

College: Denver University
Ht: 6-9, Wt: 240, Age: 23
Exp: 1 year

Took over the pivot position in n December and earned the accolade fr his teammates . . . "Denver's Most Improved Player" . . . at season's end . . . voted to the second team All-ABA rookie five . . . played for Denver University . . . was Rockets and Chicago's (NBA) No. 2 selection last year . . . set DU record for FG percentage . . . 55.7% . . . as a senior . . . named AAU All-American prior to signing with Denver . . . was born in Ellensburg, Wash. . . . now resides in Denver . . . married (Leslie).

Byron Beck's Regular Season Statistics
ABA, 1967-68

		2-point		3-point									
gp	min.	fgm-fga	pct.	fgm-fga	pct.	ftm-fta	pct.	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	ave.
71	1623	275-568	.48	0-2	.00	119-159	.75	559	38	72	219-6	669	9.4
						PLAYOFFS							
5	160	23-50	.46	0-0	.00	11-15	.73	55	6	7	21-0	62	12.4

LARRY BUNCE
Center

College: Utah State University
Ht: 7-0, Wt: 245, Age: 23
Exp: 1 year

Obtained just prior to camp opening from L.A. Stars . . . ex-Utah State great . . . Logan, Utah . . . passed up senior college year to sign with ABA last year . . . has the tools to be the next pro superstar . . . rugged rebounder . . . fine shot blocker . . . hails from Riverside, Calif. . . . married recently (Diane).

Larry Bunce's Regular Season Statistics
ABA (Anaheim), 1967-68

		2-point		3-point									
gp	min.	fgm-fga	pct.	fgm-fga	pct.	ftm-fta	pct.	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	ave.
71	2266	300-715	.42	0-1	.00	256-352	.73	589	75	132	189-8	856	12.1

JEFF CONGDON
Guard

College: Brigham Young University
Ht: 6-1, Wt: 190, Age: 24
Exp: 1 year

Obtained in mid-season from Anaheim (now L.A. Stars) . . . an all-time BYU great . . . where he led them to NIT title in 1965 . . . played 31 of his 64 ABA games for the Rockets . . . a good ball handler, he is exceptionally quick . . . a real crowd pleaser . . . hails from Anaheim in Southern California . . . married (Julie) and expects first child next Spring.

Jeff Congdon's Regular Season Statistics
ABA, 1967-68

gp	min.	2-point fgm-fga	pct.	3-point fgm-fga	pct.	ftm-fta	pct.	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	ave.
(D) 41	398	62-161	.39	5-30	.17	20-25	.80	34	59	50	37-0	159	3.9
(T) 64	1020	137-350	.39	13-54	.24	49-64	.77	106	133	119	84-1	362	5.7

(D) Statistics with Denver only. (T) Statistics with Denver and Anaheim.

PLAYOFFS

3	35	5-13	.38	2-8	.25	3-7	.43	4	5	3	5-0	19	3.2

JULIAN HAMMOND
Forward

College: Tulsa University
Ht: 6-5, Wt: 215, Age: 25
Exp: 1 year

Signed last season as a free agent from Tulsa University . . . Tulsa, Okla. . . . where he led the nation in field goal accuracy as a senior (1966) . . . 65.9 percentage . . . a left-handed jumping-jack, he entered the U.S. Marines last April . . . released as a PFC during the second week of Fall camp . . . born in Chicago . . . single.

Julian Hammond's Regular Season Statistics
ABA, 1967-68

gp	min.	2-point fgm-fga	pct.	3-point fgm-fga	pct.	ftm-fta	pct.	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	ave.
74	1364	224-458	.49	0-0	.00	143-209	.68	327	62	98	112-0	591	8.0

PLAYOFFS

5	153	22-38	.58	0-0	.00	16-24	.67	28	8	11	17-1	60	12.0

WAYNE HIGHTOWER
Forward

College: Kansas University
Ht: 6-9, Wt: 205, Age: 28
Exp: 7 years

The thin man forsook his senior of play in Europe . . . tagged with n. name of "Spain" . . . for his love of Madrid . . . was the first player signed to a Denver contract . . . finished second to Larry Jones in Rockets scoring . . . tallied 1,282 points in 74 games . . . for average of 17.3 ppg . . . considered by many to be the top defensive forward in the ABA . . . has become a leading Denver business executive . . . owns one of the top nite clubs in the city . . . and expects to open a travel agency in the late Fall . . . from Philadelphia . . . single.

Wayne Hightower's Regular Season Statistics
ABA, 1967-68

		2-point		3-point									
gp	min.	fgm-fga	pct.	fgm-fga	pct.	ftm-fta	pct.	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	ave.
74	2459	431-1120	.38	0-6	.00	420-543	.77	536	143	165	237-5	1282	17.3
						PLAYOFFS							
5	209	35-99	.35	0-1	.00	43-54	.80	44	11	22	25-2	113	22.6

LARRY JONES
Guard

College: Toledo University
Ht: 6-3, Wt: 180, Age: 26
Exp: 4 years

All-ABA last season . . . was starting guard in mid-season All-Star game at Indianapolis . . . led Rockets in most statistics . . . tied Kentucky's Darel Carrier for fourth in league scoring . . . 22.9 in 76 games . . . was the Mid-American Conference scoring leader three years . . . All American at Toledo University (1964) . . . holds Rockets single game scoring record . . . 52 points, set against Oakland . . . has completely recovered from broken wrist suffered in first playoff game at New Orleans . . . calls Columbus, O., home . . . single.

Larry Jones' Regular Season Statistics
ABA, 1967-68

		2-point		3-point									
gp	min.	fgm-fga	pct.	fgm-fga	pct.	ftm-fta	pct.	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	ave.
76	3090	594-1367	.43	8-42	.19	530-683	.78	599	270	232	268-4	1742	22.9
						PLAYOFFS							
1	41	12-20	.60	0-0	.00	5-8	.63	4	4	4	5-0	29	29.0

BILL (THE HILL) McGILL
Center

College: Utah University
Ht: 6-9, Wt: 225, Age: 27
Exp: 5 years

An all-time great at Utah University . . . Salt Lake City, Utah . . . unanimous All-American as a senior . . . when he led the country in scoring . . . 38.8 ppg . . . has a good hook shot . . . has looked good in workouts . . . earned his nickname in high school when a teammate said that "he looks big as a hill" . . . calls Chicago home.

WALT PIATKOWSKI
Forward

College: Bowling Green State University
Ht: 6-8, Wt: 225, Age: 23
Exp: Rookie

Denver's second draft choice . . . surname pronounced: Pie-uh-touw-ski . . . from Bowling Green State University . . . Bowling Green, O. . . . an outstanding shooter . . . scored 1,577 in three varsity years . . . to rank as fourth highest scorer in Falcon's history . . . native of Toledo, O. . . . married, one son.

WILLIE ROGERS
Guard

College: Oklahoma University
Ht: 6-3, Wt: 195, Age: 23
Exp: Rookie

A top draft choice from Oklahoma University . . . making the switch to the backcourt as a pro . . . called "Willie D" because he has a brother named "Willie B" . . . an outstanding jumper, he scored 2,701 points in three varsity years at Oklahoma . . . from Dallas . . . married (Thelda).

LONNIE WRIGHT
Guard

College: Colorado State University
Ht: 6-2, Wt: 205, Age: 24
Exp: 1 year

He joined Rockets last January . . . after two years as defensive specialist with the Denver Broncos of the AFL . . . quickly won a starting berth, teaming with Jones down the stretch . . . was an outstanding cager at Colorado State University . . . Ft. Collins, Colo. . . . where he was second all-time scorer . . . often used to jump center in college . . . was high school All-American in both football and basketball . . . in Newark, N.J. . . . did not play football at CSU . . . quiet on court, possesses booming bass off the hardwood . . . now lives in Denver.

Lonnie Wright's Regular Season Statistics
ABA, 1967-68

		2-point		3-point									
gp	min.	fgm-fga	pct.	fgm-fga	pct.	ftm-fta	pct.	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	
38	896	144-337	.43	2-9	.22	79-121	.65	96	68	43	96-0	373	9.8
						PLAYOFFS							
5	149	12-46	.26	1-4	.25	9-14	.64	13	10	17	9-0	36	7.2

CLUB-BY-CLUB, 1967-68

EASTERN DIVISION

INDIANA PACERS

(Rockets 4, Pacers 2)

	Denver	Indiana
. 12 at Denver	110	103
Dec. 7 at Indiana	99	110
Dec. 18 at Denver	126	104
Jan. 2 at Denver	98	80
Feb. 8 at Indiana	98	91
Feb. 21 at Indiana	110	123
	641	611
	(106.8)	(101.8)

MIAMI FLORIDIANS

(FORMERLY MINNESOTA MUSKIES)

(Rockets 2, Muskies 4)

	Denver	Minnesota
Nov. 16 at Bloomington	106	124
Nov. 19 at Denver	96	97
Jan. 16 at Denver	111	94
Feb. 20 at Bloomington	117	119
Mar. 6 at Denver	102	100
Mar. 15 at Bloomington	95	106
	627	640
	(104.5)	(106.7)

KENTUCKY COLONELS

(Rockets 2, Colonels 4)

	Denver	Kentucky
4 at Louisville	85	107
10 at Denver	99	83
. 24 at Denver	100	101
Feb. 9 at Louisville	99 (OT)	106
Feb. 17 at Denver	116	106
Mar. 9 at Louisville	102	107
	601	610
	(100.1)	(101.7)

MINNESOTA PIPERS

(FORMERLY PITTSBURGH PIPERS)

(Rockets 2, Pipers 4)

	Denver	Pittsburgh
Oct. 27 at Pittsburgh	77	91
Nov. 1 at Denver	103 (OT)	112
Nov. 25 at Denver	119	99
Nov. 26 at Denver	112	99
Dec. 5 at Pittsburgh	98	101
Feb. 18 at Pittsburgh	92	103
	601	605
	(100.1)	(100.8)

NEW YORK NETS

(FORMERLY NEW JERSEY AMERICANS)

(Rockets 5, Americans 1)

	Denver	New Jersey
28 at Teaneck	126	109
17 at Teaneck	120	104
. 13 at Denver	111	92
Dec. 28 at Denver	119	102
Feb. 24 at Denver	110	108
Mar. 13 at Teaneck	87	96
	673	611
	(112.2)	(108.8)

WESTERN DIVISION

DALLAS CHAPARRALS

(Rockets 5, Chaps 4)

	Denver	Dallas
Jan. 27 at Dallas	112	101
Jan. 29 at Denver	107	110
Feb. 7 at Denver	97	87
Feb. 12 at Dallas	101	114
Feb. 16 at Dallas	112	116
Mar. 4 at Denver	108	98
Mar. 11 at Denver	119	105
Mar. 16 at Dallas	96	108
Mar. 22 at Denver	110	92
	962	931
	(106.9)	(103.4)

HOUSTON MAVERICKS

(Rockets 6, Mavericks 3)

	Denver	Houston
Oct. 17 at Denver	85	102
Nov. 10 at Denver	88 (OT)	86
Nov. 22 at Houston	100	106
Nov. 30 at Houston	98	92
Dec. 27 at Houston	108	82
Dec. 30 at Denver	96	80
Jan. 3 at Houston	83	89
Jan. 11 at Houston	100	93
Feb. 26 at Denver	115	92
	873	822
	(97.0)	(91.3)

NEW ORLEANS BUCCANEERS

(Rockets 5, Bucs 5)

	Denver	N. Orleans
Nov. 11 at New Orleans	107	131
Nov. 21 at New Orleans	90	107
Dec. 15 at Denver	93	100
Jan. 4 at Denver	122	107
Jan. 18 at Denver	126	97
Jan. 26 at New Orleans	104	97
Feb. 4 at Denver	100	105
Feb. 11 at New Orleans	90	98
Feb. 23 at New Orleans	108	102
Mar. 18 at Denver	108	101
	1048	1045
	(104.8)	(104.5)

OAKLAND OAKS

(Rockets 7, Oakland 3)

	Denver	Oakland
Oct. 19 at Oakland	104	91
Oct. 20 at San Jose	102	112
Nov. 8 at Denver	118	97
Nov. 24 at Denver	90	113
Nov. 28 at Denver	126	108
Dec. 21 at Oakland	94	116
Dec. 26 at Denver	102	95
Jan. 30 at Oakland	137	113
Mar. 3 at Oakland	115	95
Mar. 12 at Denver	112	92
	1100	1032
	(110.0)	(103.2)

LOS ANGELES STARS

(FORMERLY ANAHEIM AMIGOS)

(Rockets 7, Amigos 3)

	Denver	Anaheim
Oct. 15 at Denver	110	105
Nov. 6 at Denver	121	100
Dec. 3 at Denver	100	87
Dec. 9 at Denver	116	96
Dec. 14 at Fresno	93	96
Dec. 22 at Fullerton	102	108
Jan. 19 at Anaheim	117	110
Jan. 21 at Anaheim	112	85
Jan. 31 at Anaheim	105	112
Feb. 15 at Denver	142	108
	1118	1007
	(111.8)	(100.7)

ABA 1967-1968 STATISTICS

FINAL STANDINGS

Eastern Division	Pit.	Min.	Ind.	Ken.	N.J.	N.O.	Dal.	Den.	Hou.	Ana.	Oak.	won	lost	pct	gb
Pittsburgh	–	7	6	7	8	3	4	4	4	5	6	54	24	.692	–
Minnesota	4	–	8	5	7	5	4	4	3	5	5	50	28	.641	4
Indiana	4	3	–	6	6	3	3	2	3	4	4	38	40	.487	16
Kentucky	3	5	5	–	4	2	1	4	3	6	3	36	42	.462	18
New Jersey	3	3	4	7	–	3	3	1	3	4	5	36	42	.462	

Western Division	Pit.	Min.	Ind.	Ken.	N.J.	N.O.	Dal.	Den.	Hou.	Ana.	Oak.	won	lost	pct	
New Orleans	3	1	3	4	3	–	6	5	10	7	6	48	30	.615	–
Dallas	2	2	3	5	3	4	–	4	8	8	7	46	32	.590	2
Denver	2	2	4	2	5	5	5	–	6	7	7	45	33	.577	3
Houston	2	3	3	3	3	0	2	3	–	3	7	29	49	.372	19
Anaheim	1	1	2	0	2	2	2	3	6	–	6	25	53	.321	23
Oakland	0	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	3	4	–	22	56	.282	26

TEAM STATISTICS
78-Game Regular Season

	2 point		3 point								scoring average		
	fgm-fga	pct	fgm-fga	pct	ftm-fta	pct	reb	a	e	pf-d	for	agst	dif
Pittsburgh	2987-6738	.44	243-790	.31	2028-2839	.71	4260	1239	1310	1846-25	111.9	108.7	3.2
New Orleans	3154-7301	.43	53-220	.24	2245-3000	.75	4453	1355	1416	1839-30	111.7	106.9	4.8
Anaheim	2953-6890	.43	219-716	.31	2141-1916	.73	4158	1297	1516	2174-56	111.6	116.1	−4.5
Oakland	3112-7327	.42	103-353	.29	2109-2850	.74	4164	1149	1429	1957-46	110.8	117.4	−6.6
New Jersey	3064-7271	.42	125-456	.27	2138-2876	.74	4075	1200	1231	2051-33	110.8	112.4	−1.6
Dallas	3231-7047	.46	29-120	.24	2027-2810	.72	4030	1344	1431	1997-46	109.8	108.6	1.3
Indiana	3078-7037	.44	96-360	.27	2102-2971	.71	4257	1176	1402	1788-22	109.6	109.4	0.2
Minnesota	3171-7813	.41	77-271	.28	1896-2968	.64	4828	1019	1313	1860-40	108.6	104.7	3.9
Denver	3094-7122	.43	25-149	.17	1981-2725	.73	4121	1044	1293	1992-32	105.7	101.5	4.2
Kentucky	2903-6966	.42	141-461	.31	1921-2677	.72	4404	1165	1319	1928-48	104.5	105.2	−1.3
Houston	2982-7342	.41	112-389	.29	1774-2537	.70	4207	1175	1093	1906-35	103.5	107.8	−4.3

Team Defense

	gp	2fg	3fg	ft	tp	ap	reb	areb	a	e	pf	dq
Denver	78	2737	116	2092	7914	101.46	3933	50.42	993	1365	1903	29
Minnesota	78	2883	136	1989	8163	104.65	3910	50.13	1134	1317	2012	47
Kentucky	78	2896	101	2112	8207	105.22	4262	54.64	1043	1350	1880	[illegible]
New Orleans	78	3049	95	1951	8334	106.85	4328	55.49	1084	1372	2043	
Houston	78	3013	105	2066	8407	107.78	4448	57.03	1252	1387	1839	
Dallas	78	2959	133	2153	8470	108.59	3973	50.94	1277	1248	1887	
Pittsburgh	78	3148	85	1928	8479	108.71	4619	59.22	1357	1440	1886	39
Indiana	78	3170	141	1767	8530	109.36	4131	52.96	1257	1290	2013	46
New Jersey	78	3173	112	2086	8768	112.41	4406	56.60	1095	1292	1952	31
Anaheim	78	3289	99	2182	9057	116.12	4449	57.04	1308	1461	1977	33
Oakland	78	3412	100	2036	9160	117.44	4498	57.67	1363	1231	1946	39

INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS

Player, Team	gp	2fg	3fg	ft	tp	avg
Hawkins, Pittsburgh	70	633	2	603	1875	26.79
Moe, New Orleans	78	662	3	551	1884	24.15
Tart, Oakland-N.J.	73	632	1	451	1718	23.53
Carrier, Kentucky	77	559	84	395	1765	22.922
L. Jones, Denver	76	594	8	530	1742	22.921
Daniels, Minnesota	78	668	1	390	1729	22.17
Somerset, Houston	61	434	33	359	1326	21.74
Williams, Pittsburgh	78	591	51	290	1625	20.83
Dampier, Kentucky	72	582	38	209	1487	20.65
Lewis, Indiana	76	526	16	465	1565	20.59
Vaughn, Pittsburgh	74	375	137	308	1469	19.85
J. Beasley, Dallas	77	622	0	271	1515	19.68
R. Brown, Indiana	76	530	14	390	1492	19.63
Jackson, New Jersey	74	358	91	450	1439	19.45
Becker, Houston	76	559	4	297	1427	18.78

LEADERS IN REBOUNDS

Player, Team	gp	off-def	total	avg
Daniels, Minnesota	78	502-711	1213	15.6
Hawkins, Pittsburgh	70	368-577	945	13.5
J. Beasley, Dallas	77	278-704	982	12.8
Harge, Pitt-Oak.	82	357-681	1038	12.7
Robbins, New Orleans	73	366-528	894	12.2
Hadnot, Oakland	77	303-633	936	12.2
Ligon, Kentucky	78	370-559	929	11.9
Netolicky, Indiana	71	313-506	819	11.5
Anderson, New Jersey	78	303-553	856	11.0
Washington, Pittsburgh	63	303-369	672	10.7
Davis, Anaheim	54	221-345	566	10.5
Moe, New Orleans	78	249-546	795	10.2
Hunter, Minnesota	75	332-406	738	9.8
Becker, Houston	76	252-461	713	9.4
Mahaffey, Kentucky	75	259-425	684	9.1

2-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS

Player, Team	made-att	pct
Washington, Pittsburgh	310-594	52.2
Hawkins, Pittsburgh	633-1214	52.1
Netolicky, Indiana	468-927	50.5
C. Beasley, Dallas	371-745	49.8
Robbins, New Orleans	446-912	49.5
Anderson, New Jersey	463-938	49.4
J. Beasley, Dallas	622-1262	49.3
Hagan, Dallas	371-756	49.1
Powell, Dallas	532-1085	49.0
Hammond, Denver	224-458	48.9

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS

Player, Team	made-att	pct
Carrier, Kentucky	84-235	[illegible]
Perry, Minnesota	62-178	
Vaughn, Pittsburgh	137-410	
Rayl, Indiana	57-175	32.6
Selvage, Anaheim	147-461	32.0
Warley, Anaheim	52-166	31.3
Hale, Houston	35-112	31.3
Jackson, New Jersey	91-302	30.1
Williams, Pittsburgh	51-178	28.7
Dampier, Kentucky	38-142	26.8

ABA STATISTICS (Continued)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE LEADERS

Player, Team	made-att	pct
C. Beasley, Dallas	285-327	87.2
Lloyd, New Jersey	170-199	85.4
' Beasley, Dallas	271-322	84.2
·n, New Jersey	450-543	82.9
i, New Jersey	176-213	82.6
ier, Kentucky	395-479	82.5
Dampier, Kentucky	209-254	82.3
Becker, Houston	297-362	82.0
L. Brown, New Orleans	366-450	81.3
Chubin, Anaheim	518-639	81.1

LEADERS IN ASSISTS

Player, Team	gp	total	avg
L. Brown, New Orleans	78	506	6.5
Hagan, Dallas	56	276	4.9
Chubin, Anaheim	77	364	4.7
Hawkins, Pittsburgh	70	320	4.6
R. Brown, Indiana	76	327	4.3
McHartley, Dallas	58	230	4.0
Heyman, New Jersey-Pittsburgh	73	276	3.8
Somerset, Houston	61	225	3.7
Leibowitz, Pittsburgh-NJ-Oak	82	301	3.7

TEAM SHOOTING

2-point fg	made-att	pct
Dallas	3231-7047	45.8
Pittsburgh	2987-6738	44.3
Indiana	3078-7037	43.7
Denver	3094-7122	43.4
New Orleans	3154-7301	43.2
Anaheim	2953-6890	42.9
Oakland	3112-7327	42.5
New Jersey	3064-7271	42.1
Kentucky	2903-6966	41.7
Houston	2982-7342	40.6
Minnesota	3171-7813	40.6

3-point fg	made-att	pct
Pittsburgh	243-790	30.8
Anaheim	219-716	30.6
Kentucky	141-461	30.6
Oakland	103-353	29.2
Houston	112-389	28.8
Minnesota	77-271	28.4
New Jersey	125-456	27.4
Indiana	96-360	26.7
Dallas	29-120	24.2
New Orleans	53-220	24.1
Denver	25-149	16.8

free throws	made-att	pct
New Orleans	2245-3000	74.8
New Jersey	2138-2876	74.3
Oakland	2109-2850	73.9
Anaheim	2141-2916	73.4
Denver	1981-2725	72.7
Dallas	2027-2810	72.1
Kentucky	1921-2677	71.8
Pittsburgh	2028-2839	71.4
Indiana	2102-2971	70.8
Houston	1774-2537	69.9
Minnesota	1896-2968	63.9

ABA PLAY-OFFS 1968

TEAM STATISTICS

	g	2-point fgm-fga	pct	3-point fgm-fga	pct	ftm-fta	pct	reb	a	e	pf-dq	tp	scoring average for	agst	dif
.ourgh	15	600-1225	49.0	46-175	26.3	423-614	68.9	836	278	273	396-13	1761	117.4	112.4	5.0
New Orleans	17	664-1543	43.0	10-48	20.8	498-675	73.8	938	343	315	428-6	1856	109.2	106.5	2.7
Minnesota	10	404-990	40.8	3-25	12.0	275-411	66.9	596	178	171	271-8	1092	109.2	109.7	−0.5
Dallas	8	318-727	43.7	3-11	27.3	225-299	75.3	427	118	161	217-6	870	108.7	107.5	1.2
Denver	5	185-425	43.5	3-16	18.8	128-173	74.0	246	71	90	149-7	507	101.4	107.0	−5.6
Kentucky	5	155-374	41.4	23-68	38.3	134-183	73.2	248	74	94	140-2	511	102.2	105.2	−3.0
Indiana	3	130-266	48.9	5-29	17.2	74-98	75.5	170	65	54	93-4	349	116.3	133.3	−17.0
Houston	3	108-261	41.4	8-24	33.8	70-98	71.4	129	33	36	80-0	310	103.3	114.0	−10.7

WESTERN DIVISION SEMI-FINAL SERIES

New Orleans defeated Denver 3 games to 2

Tuesday, March 26 . . . . . Denver 104 at New Orleans 130
Wednesday, March 27 . . . . . Denver 93 at New Orleans 105
Saturday, March 30 . . . . . New Orleans 98 at Denver 105
Sunday, March 31 . . . . . New Orleans 100 at Denver 108
Wednesday, April 3 . . . . . Denver 97 at New Orleans 102

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ROCKETS SCORING, 1967-68

	gp	min	2-point fgm-fga	pct	3-point fgm-fga	pct	ftm-fta	pct	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	avg
Jones	76	3085	594-1367	.43	8-42	.19	530-683	.78	599	270	232	268-4	1742	22.9
Murrell	71	2495	495-1058	.47	3-11	.27	166-236	.70	637	64	116	200-1	1165	16.4
Hightower	74	2459	431-1120	.38	0-6	.00	420-543	.77	536	143	165	237-5	1282	17.3
Simmons	78	2264	291-666	.44	1-22	.05	208-295	.71	240	182	153	236-3	793	10.2
Wright	38	896	144-337	.43	2-9	.22	79-121	.65	96	68	43	96-0	373	9.8
Beck	71	1623	275-568	.48	0-2	.00	119-159	.75	559	38	72	219-6	669	9.4
Hammond	74	1364	224-458	.49	0-0	.00	143-209	.68	327	62	98	112-0	591	8.0
Hoover	70	1588	157-347	.45	4-10	.40	128-206	.62	491	64	139	268-8	454	6.5
Bowens	67	1287	176-451	.39	1-2	.50	55-90	.61	374	41	83	159-3	410	6.1
†Congdon	64	1020	137-350	.39	13-54	.24	49-64	.77	106	133	119	84-1	362	5.7
‡Congdon	41	398	62-161	.39	5-30	.17	20-25	.80	34	59	50	37-0	159	3.9
Gardner	42	487	71-171	.42	0-4	.00	55-79	.70	136	13	52	74-1	197	4.7
Moore	18	211	24-69	.35	0-2	.00	21-28	.75	19	8	24	16-0	69	3.8
Morrison	9	76	9-28	.32	1-6	.17	6-9	.67	9	7	9	15-0	27	3.0
Lynam	7	39	5-16	.31	0-1	.00	7-8	.88	5	0	5	10-0	17	2.4
Horn	1	6	0-2	.00	0-0	.00	2-2	1.00	1	0	1	0-0	2	2.0
‡Thomas	24	542	136-303	.45	0-2	.00	22-32	.69	58	25	51	45-1	294	12.3
Total	78	18820	3094-7122	.43	25-149	.17	1981-2725	.73	4121	1044	1293	1992-32	8244	105.7
Opponents	78	18820	2737-6723	.41	116-410	.28	2092-2916	.72	3933	993	1365	1903-29	7914	101.5

†—Player total with all clubs.
‡—Player total with this club only.

PLAY-OFFS

	gp	min	2-point fgm-fga	pct	3-point fgm-fga	pct	ftm-fta	pct	reb	a	e	pf-d	tp	avg
Jones	1	41	12-20	.60	0-0	.00	5-8	.63	4	4	4	5-0	29	29.0
Hightower	5	209	35-99	.35	0-1	.00	43-54	.80	44	11	22	25-2	113	22.6
Murrell	5	198	45-87	.52	0-1	.00	22-26	.85	47	7	8	24-1	112	22.4
Hammond	5	153	22-38	.58	0-0	.00	16-24	.67	28	8	11	17-1	60	12.0
Beck	5	160	23-50	.46	0-0	.00	11-15	.73	55	5	7	21-1	57	11.4
Simmons	5	145	13-35	.37	0-1	.00	12-16	.75	22	15	10	20-1	38	7.6
Wright	5	149	12-46	.26	1-4	.25	9-14	.64	13	10	17	9-0	36	7.2
Hoover	2	16	4-7	.57	0-0	.00	5-7	.71	4	1	2	6-0	13	6.5
Congdon	3	35	5-13	.39	2-8	.25	3-7	.43	4	5	3	5-0	19	6.3
Bowens	5	94	14-30	.47	0-1	.00	2-2	1.00	25	5	6	17-1	30	6.0
Rockets	5	1200	185-425	.44	3-16	.19	128-173	.74	246	71	90	149-7	507	101.4
Opponents	5	1200	184-405	.45	0-9	.00	167-217	.77	233	96	76	122-2	535	107.0

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COLORS: Blue and Gold
ARENA: Indiana State Fairgrounds (9,111)

ABA Trustee ..... John Devoe
President ..... E. J. Bannon
General Manager ..... Mike Storen
Coach ..... Larry Staverman
Publicity Director ..... Jerry Kissel
Promotions Manager ..... Chuck Finkbiner

KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY COLONELS

206 Convention Center
525 W. Walnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
Telephone: (502) 582-2083
and 582-1613

Gene Rhodes
Coach

NICKNAME: Colonels
COLORS: Green, White and Black
ARENAS: Convention Center (5,072)
Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center (17,500)

ABA Trustee ..... Joseph E. Gregory
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Coach ..... Gene Rhodes
Publicity Director ..... Hardin McLane
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LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES STARS BASKETBALL

L. A. Sports Arena
3939 So. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90037
Telephone: (213) 749-8274

Bill Sharman
Coach

NICKNAME: Stars
COLORS: Scarlet, Powder Blue and White
ARENA: L. A. Sports Arena (15,325)

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ABA DIRECTORY

MIAMI

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3000 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137
Telephone: (305) 371-1561

Jim Pollard
Coach

NICKNAME: FLORIDIANS
COLORS: Orange, Blue and White
ARENAS: Miami Beach Convention Center Annex (14,000)
Miami Beach Convention Center (6,500)

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General Manager and Coach ..... Jim Pollard
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NEW ORLEANS

201 So. Liberty Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
Telephone: (504) 525-1302

Babe McCarthy
Coach

NICKNAME: Buccaneers
COLORS: Navy Blue, White and Red
ARENA: Loyola University Fieldhouse (6,425)

ABA Trustee ..... Charles G. Smither
Operations Manager ..... Maurice M. Stern
Coach ..... James H. (Babe) McCarthy
Publicity Director and Promotions Manager ..... Robert Fulton

NEW YORK

Long Island Arena
Veterans Highway
Commack, New York 11725
Telephone: (516) 543-1000

Max Zaslofsky
Coach

NICKNAME: Nets
COLORS: Red, White and Blue
ARENA: Long Island Arena (6,500)

ABA Trustee ..... Arthur Brown
General Manager and Coach ..... Max Zaslofsky
Publicity Director ..... Morrey Rokeach
Promotions Manager ..... Barry Murtha

ABA DIRECTORY

OAKLAND

401 Fourteenth Street at Franklin
Oakland, California 94612
Telephone: (415) 834-3500

Alex Hannum
Coach

NICKNAME: Oaks
COLORS: Kelly Green and Gold
ARENAS: Oakland Coliseum Arean (12,964)
Oakland Auditorium (6,500)

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President .....Pat Boone
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General Manager .....Bruce Hale
Publicity Director .....Johnny rodrigues

Denver basketball fans seemed to have liked the halftime shows as much as the "Big Show," and no wonder, when such hilarious sights as this were offered to the fans. Here, a local radio disc jockey, in tuxedo, no less, is trying to "break the press" of the Playboy Bunnies (the crazy kid!)

AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

ALL-LEAGUE TEAM, 1968

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FIRST TEAM

Player, Club	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Connie Hawkins, Pittsburgh	F.	6-8	215	26	Iowa
Doug Moe, New Orleans	F.	6-5	220	28	North Carolina
Mel Daniels, Minnesota	C.	6-9	220	23	New Mexico
Larry Jones, Denver	G.	6-3	180	25	Toledo
Charlie Williams, Pittsburgh	G.	6-1	185	24	Seattle

SECOND TEAM

Player, Club	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Roger Brown, Indiana	F.	6-5	207	25	Dayton
Cincy Powell, Dallas	F.	6-7	227	25	Portland
John Beasley, Dallas	C.	6-9	225	24	Texas A&M.
Larry Brown, New Orleans	G.	5-9	160	27	North Carolina
Louie Dampier, Kentucky	G.	6-0	170	22	Kentucky

HONORABLE MENTION

FORWARDS—Art Heyman, Pittsburgh; Les Hunter, Minnesota; Wayne Hightower, Denver; Cliff Hagan, Dallas.

CENTERS—Austin Robbins, New Orleans; Bob Netolicky, Indiana.

GUARDS—Darel Carrier, Kentucky; Willie Somerset, Houston; Chico Vaughn, Pittsburgh; Levern Tart, New Jersey.

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Player, Club	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Tom Washington, Pittsburgh	F.	6-7	225	22	Cheyney State
Bob Netolicky, Indiana	F.	6-8	220	25	Drake
Mel Daniels, Minnesota	C.	6-9	220	23	New Mexico
Louis Dampier, Kentucky	G.	6-0	170	22	Kentucky
James Jones, New Orleans	G.	6-4	188	23	Grambling

SECOND TEAM

Player, Club	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Randy Mahaffey, Kentucky	F.	6-7	215	22	Clemson
Ron Franz, Oakland	F.	6-7	207	22	Kansas
Byron Beck, Denver	C.	6-9	240	24	Denver
Bob Verga, Dallas	G.	6-1	190	22	Duke
Ron Perry, Minnesota	G.	6-3	190	24	Virginia Tech.

OUTSTANDING ROOKIE—Mel Daniels, Minnesota.

Three Denver newcomers include 6-8 Walt Piatkowski (34), firing over Houston's Art Becker, 6-9. Bill (The Hill) McGill (24), scoring an easy layup, and 7-foot Larry Bunce (52), jumping against Dallas giant, 7-2 John Smith.

Piatkowski is Denver's No. 2 draft choice from Bowling Green State in Ohio, while McGill, former Utah University All-American, is a free agent who made good and Bunce, ex-Utah State standout, was acquired in a pre-season trade with the L. A. Stars.

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KLZ-TV

Don Cole, Sports
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Center Byron Beck holds a bundle of charm named Yvonne Fuselier, a 5-year-old Polio victim, while Guard Lonnie Wright shows her the Colorful ABA basketball.

The Denver Police Dept., featuring their K-9 Corps of well-trained police dogs, put on one of the outstanding halftime shows during the Rockets initial ABA year.

Rocket awards recipients were (left) Forward Willie Murrell, voted MVP, & Rookie Center Byron Beck (right), acclaimed "Most Improved Player." The awards were presented by Rockets Prexy Don Ringsby (holding the ABA basketball) during a season-ending banquet hosted by Denver radio station owner, Tim O'Connor.

Standing, Left to Right: Coach Bob Bass, Julian Hammond, John Fairchild, Bill McGill, Larry Bunce, Wayne Hightower, Byron Beck, Walt Piatkowski and Trainer Lloyd Williams.

Kneeling, Left to Right: Jeff Congdon, Lonnie Wright, Larry Jones and Bob Verga.

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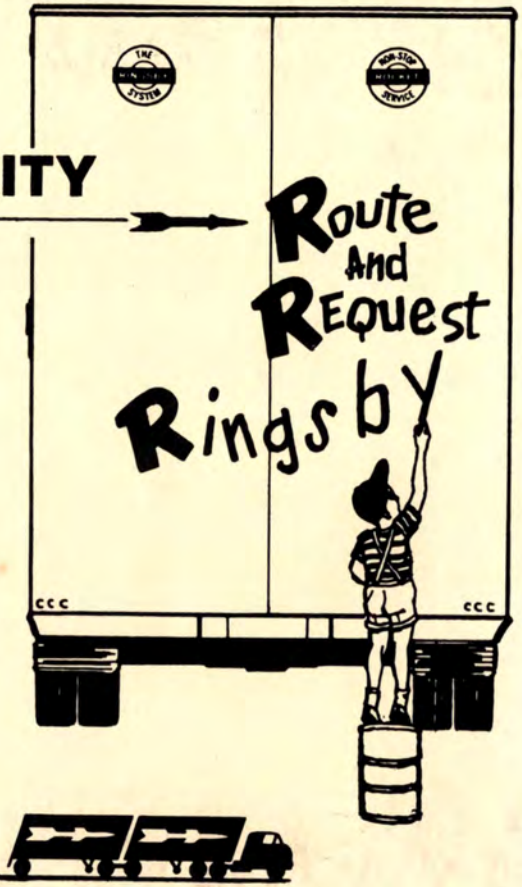

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